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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: CONSERVATION WILD SPECIES
OF FLORA AND FAUNA: 02.05-11

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED JULY 28 FROM KAZAKOV AND CHIRCHENKO OF HYDRO-
MET LETTER DATED JULY 20 FROM KRINITSKIY TO SRIABINE. UNOFFICIAL
TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN QUOTE: DEAR MISS SRIABINE: MANY THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER
OF JUNE 29 AND FOR THE TELEGRAM IN WHICH YOU TOLD OF THE PROSPECTIVE
PUBLICATION OF A SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE "RANGER RICK" DEDICAT-
ED TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURE IN THE SOVIET UNION.

3. SUCH A PUBLICATION CAN SUCCESSFULLY SERVE THE PLAN OF U.S.--
SOVIET COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION, PARTI-
CULARLY WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF PROBLEM "V." PROBABLY THE SUGGESTED
COLLECTION CAN INCLUDE INTRODUCTORY ARTICLES ABOUT THE VARIETY OF
FAUNA IN THE USSR, ABOUT NATURE PROTECTION IN THE USSR, ABOUT SOVIET
RESERVES, AND ABOUT US-SOVIET COOPERATION UNDER PROBLEM "V."
NATURALLY THESE ARTICLES MUST BE WRITTEN IN LAYMAN'S TERMS, COUNTING
ON A WIDE CIRCLE OF READERS.

4. BESIDES THIS, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DO 3-5 SHORT ARTICLES ON
INTERESTING ANIMALS AND VEGETATION OF THE USSR. THESE COULD BE
ARTICLES ABOUT TIGERS, THE RUSSIAN MUSKRAT, FAR EAST BUTTERFLIES,
THE MONITOR LIZARD, GINSENG ROOT, AND OTHER TYPES. IT WOULD
BE POSSIBLE TO DO AN ARTICLE ON A YOUNG PERSON - A NORTHERN
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REINDEER BREEDER OR A HERDSMAN IN THE MOUNTAINS.

5. FOR SUCH A SPECIAL EDITION IT WOULD PROBABLY BE HELPFUL TO CREATE A SPECIAL EDITORIAL BOARD OF THREE OR FOUR PEOPLE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ONE OR TWO COMPETENT SOVIET BIOLOGISTS - SPECIALISTS IN NATURE PROTECTION. THIS WILL ASSURE QUALIFIED SCIENTIFIC EDITING OF THE ARTICLES OF THE SPECIAL EDITION.

6. AT THE PRESENT TIME A. NIKOLAYEVSKIY IS WORKING UP QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF A SPECIAL ISSUE WITH THE MAGAZINES "AROUND THE WORLD," AND "YOUNG NATURALIST." HE WILL TELL YOU LATER ABOUT HIS RESULTS. I AM SENDING YOU SIX COLORED AND BLACK AND WHITE NEGATIVES, ALTHOUGH WITHOUT RIGHTS FOR THEIR PUBLICATION. THESE NEGATIVES ARE THE FIRST I'VE RECEIVED; THE OTHERS WILL NOT BE OF LESSER QUALITY THAN THESE. OUR PHOTOGRAPHS WILL MEET ALL THE NEEDS OF "RANGER RICK."

7. UNFORTUNATELY, I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE COPY OF "RANGER RICK" THAT YOU SENT ME. IF IT ISN'T TOO MUCH TROUBLE FOR YOU, PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF "RANGER RICK" ON AUSTRALIA, ONE ON JAPAN AND ONE OF THE USUAL MONTHLY ISSUES. THEY ARE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE ON NATURE OF THE USSR.

8. TELL ME YOUR OPINION AND THE OPINION OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD OF "RANGER RICK" ABOUT THE PRELIMINARY SUGGESTED COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL EDITION. BEST REGARDS, V.V. KRINITSKIY. END QUOTE.

9. NEGATIVES FORWARDED TO BROWN VIA POUCH, REGISTRY NUMBER 3585303.

10. HYDROMET REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF "RANGER RICK" PUBLICATION WAS PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN BROWN/DARBYSHIRE TELECON OF JULY 15. ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS PUBLICATION IN SOVIET SECRETARIAT HAS PREVENTED KRINITSKIY FROM RECEIVING COPIES ALREADY SENT TO HIM, AS NOTED IN TEXT OF LETTER ABOVE. STOESSEL

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